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**Meeting Date (\*)** 2015-06-03  
**Council/PH Committee (\*)** Council  
**Agenda Item (\*)** Bill 13, Grants in Aid  
**Your position on the matter (\*)** Support  
**Representing (\*)** Self  
**Organization** Surfrider Spirit Sessions  
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### Written Testimony

June 2, 2015 Marina Chong Postdoctoral Fellow, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute University of Hawaii at Manoa Phone: Email marinac\_3@yahoo.com Re: Support to the Amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill 13 (Appendix B5) to provide Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions Dear Members of the City Council: I am writing to support the Amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill 13 (Appendix B5) to provide Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions. I have volunteered with Surfrider Spirit Sessions in the past and have first hand experience working with the teenagers who go through this program. I fully believe that this program fills the gap that other programs and services in Hawaii cannot provide. The program gives at-risk teenagers the ability to learn and benefit from one-on-one mentorship and also learn that surfing can be used as a metaphor for life's lessons. Mahalo nui loa, Marina Chong

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